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**Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Mandatory Ballast Water  
Management Program for U.S. Waters**

To comply with the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, and the National Invasive Species Act of 1996, the Coast Guard proposes mandatory ballast water management practices for all vessels equipped with ballast tanks bound for ports or places within the U.S. and/or entering U.S. waters. The Great Lakes ballast water management program would remain unchanged.

This proposed rulemaking would increase the Coast Guard's ability to protect U.S. waters against the introduction of NIS via ballast water discharges.

Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before October 28, 2003. Additional information concerning this rule can be found at <http://dms.dot.gov> under docket number 14273, or by contacting Mr. Bivan Patnaik, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters at (202) 267-1744.

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